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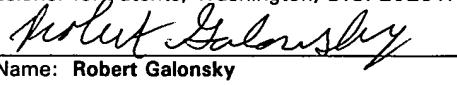
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed along with the U.S. National Phase filing of PCT/US99/11977, filed May 28, 1999. Applicants request that the following amendments to the claims be entered prior to examination on the merits.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 15 and 16 as indicated below.

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15. (Amended) A vaccine comprising an immunogenic composition of [any one of claims 1-7]
claim 1.